

# MINNESOTA HARNESS NEWS



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

## OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2009

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Board meeting Jan. 13 2010**

**Annual meeting Sat. Feb. 6th  
June 1, 2010 Running Aces  
meet begins**

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### Special points of interest:

- PROJECTED PURSE CONTRIBUTION FOR 2010 FROM CARD CLUB \$1,662,332
- MN. BRED SUPPLEMENT PROJECTED AT \$222,000
- TOTAL 2010 PURSES TO BE 25% HIGHER THAN 2009
- AVERAGE PURSE IN 2010 OF \$4400

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### DISTRICT 4 TO ELECT NEW DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Ballots have been mailed out for the new USTA district 4 director at large.

Gabe Wand of Platteville, WI. and Ron Banks of Cannon Falls MN. Are the two candidates on the ballot.

Jim Coulter of New Sharon IA. Is retiring after many years of service as our director.

Please be sure to cast your vote!!

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## **TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 2009**

James Lane & Mark Ethan were added as the newest members of the Minnesota racing commission. Darcy Hitesman, Camille McCardle, & Kris Sundberg were also re-appointed by the Governor.

## **MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION GRANTS 2010 DATES REQUEST**

After hearing testimony from Greg Budach representing Minnesota Harness Racing Inc. & Mel Mettler the Mayor of Columbus, the racing commission asked numerous questions and had quite a bit of discussion before finally granting the class B operating license as well as 2010 dates.

There were periods where the discussion was heated and there was some serious concern whether the commission was going to grant the dates at all.

Chris Boyle of Black Diamond, ( the Parent co. of Running Aces) was questioned very aggressively about the intentions & ability of Black Diamond to contribute to Running Aces in the face of substantial losses over the first two years of operations. He was clear that they have shown their intentions in the past and plan to continue to support Running Aces well into the future. They have over \$45,000,000 invested and feel they are best served by continuing with the operation and working towards profitability. They believe they have the team in place to make the necessary adjustments in the operating plan to become viable even in the current down economy.

Black Diamond is looking at the long term projections and they are known for making the necessary adjustments to business they acquire to make them profitable.

Ultimately the racing commission voted 9/0 with one abstention in favor of the dates.

The meet will consist of 51 racing days from June 1st to August 28th 2010. Race days will be Tuesday, Wednesday, & Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

The average purse should be over \$4,400 per race plus over \$4,000 per day in purse supplements for Minnesota Bred horses.

Merry Christmas & a very Happy & healthy New Year to all of you!!!

*HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!*



MINNESOTA HARNESS RACING INC.  
2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Soc.Sec.# \_\_\_\_\_ (Necessary for those earning purses at fairs)

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \$50.00 includes 17 & under

Single \$45.00

\*Includes 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability through HHI membership & accident insurance at Minnesota Fairs

Make checks payable to: MHRI

38125 20<sup>th</sup> St.

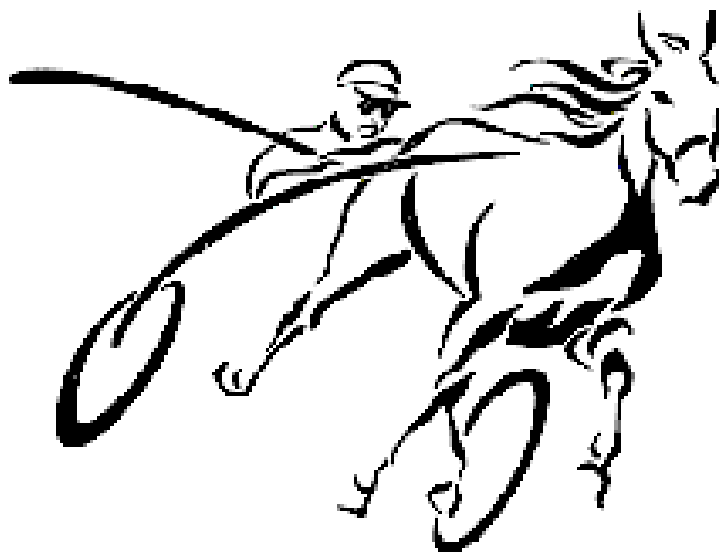
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Owners/Trainers/Drivers are required to become members of MHRI at Minnesota fairs

[www.mnharness.com](http://www.mnharness.com)



2010 MHRI ANNUAL MEETING  
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH 2010

1:30 p.m. Check in & Social Hour

2:30 p.m. Business meeting

Nominations & voting for Board positions (3)

Nominations & voting for Horse of the Year

3:30 p.m. Featured speakers and guests

Gene Oldford, Pres. HHI

Markel Insurance rep.

5:00 p.m. Buffet style dinner

6:00 p.m. Awards prizes & Raffle

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Please RSVP for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to: MHRI